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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments. These amendments comply with the revised format permitted by the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 10, 2003.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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